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# Neighborhood Pot Luck Block Party Update

We are in the initial stages of planning for the



Pot Luck Block Party on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

The invitation to join in the fun and camaraderie, and meet neighbors is extended to all residents of our Coronado Hills—single family homes, Old Town and The Villas of Coronado Hills. In order to continue the planning process, we're asking for help, from all of these groups. We need to know in advance:

- 1. how many neighbors plan to attend;
- 2. who can volunteer to help with the event;
- 3. who can offer their yard/driveway for the Party.

To give us that information, we have prepared a PARTICIPATION SURVEY FLYER which is attached to this newsletter.

Please read it and fill it out by signing up to attend the Block Party—and indicate your willingness to give a little of your time to help make it happen—by checking one of the areas where help is needed.

With adequate volunteers, it will

# **Meeting Location**

St. George's Court Clubhouse 1443 Coronado Hills Dr.

The meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup>
Tuesday of the month from
6:30 to 8:00 PM. Parking is
available. Thank you to St.
Georges Court for providing
the great meeting location.

## **Meeting Schedules**

Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

#### Commander's Forum

Region 1 will be hosting a Commander's Forum on Tuesday, April 5th, 2016 at McCallum High School located at 5600 Sunshine Drive from 6:30pm–8:00pm. All residents are invited to attend. We will be discussing neighborhood issues and answering questions. A representative from Austin 311 will be a guest speaker. We look forward to seeing you there.

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ensure that we can enjoy another successful summer evening with our neighbors. We ask you to simply drop off your survey, **as soon as possible**, at the designated location for your area, **before** the deadline of **April 29**th.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation and we look forward to a Great Gathering of Neighbors on **June 11**th.

For further information or questions, call Bonnie Turek at 512- 453-5878 or Yuri Prentice at 512- 467-0589.

Contact Team Meetings will be held at 6:00 pm in April and May prior to our CH/CNA meetings, at St. Geroge's Court.

### FYI

You cannot vote, if one hasn't attended a Contact Team meeting within the last six months per bylaws. There will be a vote in May.





## **Digital Billboards Alert**



City Council will determine if these type of billboards will be allowed in Austin in May meeting after a 120-day period

for citizen input. These have been banned in other cities such as Houston, Fort Worth, San Antonio and approximately 85% of other Texas cities.

Billboards run 24/7 could even stream movies and are **energy hogs!** They are a safety hazard to drivers as well as detrimental to neighborhoods: elevations of these billboards cause sight pollution blocks and blocks away from the sign. In addition, these signs reduce property values and quality of life for adjacent residences. The billboard industry has a short video with very misleading information that some council members saw and believe these visual polluters are a step in the right direction for Austin. Scenic Austin has provided a platform of accurate information about these. This does not include church yard signs or signs in store windows. A video from Canada graphically shows what these signs look like inside various residents bedroom windows at night. Let your Council and Mayor know you oppose these types of billboards in Austin.

# Your Votes on May 7th

May 7<sup>th</sup> vote is about the Uber and Lyft petition to remove the ordinance passed by City Council earlier this year for stricter safeguards for drivers for these companies. These companies threaten to leave the City if they don't get their way. Of course, there are other companies providing the same services waiting to get into the Austin market if Uber or Lyft leave.

The wording on the ballot is such that to vote NO means you do NOT WANT Uber and Lyft to craft their own ordinances for Austin citizens.

Voting YES means action of Council for fingerprinting, and other safeguards would be null and void and

Uber and Lyft lobbyists' version of regulations favorable to them will be in place.

Do we really want large multimillion dollar nonelected corporations telling Austin citizens what safety regulations we need? These companies are currently spending large amounts of money in television ads to further their cause. Early voting starts April 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### Saturday, May 7, 2016 City of Austin Vote

Last Day to Register to Vote	Thursday, April 7, 2016
First Day of Early Voting in Person	Monday, April 25, 2016
	Tuesday, April 26, 2016
(received, not postmarked)	
Last Day of Early Voting in Person	Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Tuesday, May 24, 2016 Primary Runoff Elections	
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, April 25, 2016*
First Day of Early Voting in Person	Monday, May 16, 2016
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (received, not postmarked)	Friday, May 13, 2016
Last Day of Early Voting in Person	Friday, May 20, 2016

Council Member Ora Houston and her staff would like you to join her at the Town Hall meeting for District # 1

Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>
Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church
Family Life Center
5900 Cameron Rd.
10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

For more information phone 512 978 2101. Everyone is invited to participate. Light refreshments will be served.

### **Please Remove Outdated Political Signs**

It's time to remember that being a great neighbor is taking down political signs when elections are over. The billboard-sized sign on the wood fence coming into our neighborhood might remain there until the runoff election occurs—and there may be a few yard signs that fall in that category—but many signs can and should be retired from our yards. Your cooperation in removing old political signs is appreciated by all of us.

Here is a link that is a good way to find out the agenda of upcoming Council Meetings https://austin.minutes.city/.